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Thanks Rudy

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Below are the Vermont Environmental Merit Award Recipients which will be recognized tomorrow at the 2013 Environmental Merit Award Ceremony.

Governmental

VT Agency for Commerce and Community Development
Kiersten Bourgeois
AND
VT Department of Environmental Conservation
Patricia Coppolino

Kiersten Bourgeois in the Vermont Agency for Commerce and Community Development, and Patricia Coppolino in the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation, together have played a key role in cleaning and redeveloping properties contaminated by hazardous materials. Their partnership is a model for how to combine protection of human health and the environment with the reuse of brownfields properties. Property owners and developers are often reluctant to get involved with regulators and state agencies when it comes to contamination, but Bourgeois and Coppolino were responsive and encouraging enough to break that barrier.

Among the numerous projects that were successful thanks to Bourgeois and Coppolino was 100 River St., a former machine tool factory contaminated by PCBs. Participation by Bourgeois and Coppolino was crucial to ensuring redevelopment. The building has been cleaned and redeveloped into the Springfield Health Center. It has retained its original historic character and has again become a jewel in Springfield's downtown. These two women working in tandem ensure successful conclusions. They not only bring funds to the table, but bring positive attitudes, compassion, and dedication to their work.

Federal Green Challenge

2013 Federal Green Challenge Award Winners

Region 1 National Award

National Award Recipient: Energy

Vermont Air National Guard

South Burlington, VT

The Vermont Air National Guard installed a 1.4 megawatt solar energy project consisting of 5,700 individual 230 watt solar panels in two separate systems covering 8 acres. This project is meeting 34 percent of the Guard's electricity needs while saving an estimated \$250,000 a year in energy costs. The installation is reportedly the largest of its kind in Vermont.